



Dear Friends of the Kimberley,

Over the past few months since we have shared about the Kimberley Indigenous Parenting Project many have said they want to be kept informed of progress – we really do appreciate your interest and will endeavour to keep you updated.

Most of you will know that we applied to the Royalties for Regions for funding. We have just found out that our application was rejected. Somehow we were not surprised and feel quite relieved that we are not “under contract” to an outside source. All parties involved are prepared to move forward by faith knowing that God will provide what is required.

We wish to thank all those generous people who assisted us with the application, and those of you who were prepared to be a part of the infrastructure should the submission have been successful. We appreciated your assistance very much and trust that we will still be able to call on your expertise as we move along.

We plan to leave Perth at the end of April to begin the initial research for the project – beginning with the Ardyaloon people at One Arm Point. From there we will be guided by the local people. When we feel we have enough information for David and Charissa Scotford they will join us to begin scripting and filming.

At present the Wilson and Kim families are involved locally preparing the way with the valuable advice and support of Pastor Paul White of Kingdom Aviation Ministries, Derby, is the initiator of the project.

We have been joining the Derby Baptist Church in prayer for the youth of the Kimberley – the suicide rate amongst the youth has been very high. Many local indigenous people tell us that one of the major factors involved is lack of parenting.

The job ahead is impossible unless God is the initiator and instigator of it all. We would seek your fervent prayer now as the time draws near for the project to begin.

**Goal:** To introduce biblical parenting to those indigenous parents of the Kimberley who have requested nurture in parenting in such a way that they will take ownership and become proactive and take action to change the current situations. All of this for the honour of our great God and the establishing of His rule amongst the indigenous people.

**Prayer Points:**

- To establish a solid core of praying people for the Kimberley Parenting Project
- For relationships to be solidly established with the indigenous people and the 4theFamily Team - Wilsons, Kims, Whites, Scotfords and Grossers.
- Holy Spirit to move the people to be passionately involved in this program
- Praise God that all the team are prepared to go it by FAITH alone with God with no government funding.
- For wisdom and discernment for all involved to know the direction to head
- Grossers as they manage the project - commencing early May.
- Wilsons and Kims as they do the "beach head" work in Ardyaloon with Rowena Mouda and other key parents there.
- Timothy Kim the pastor at Halls Creek who is diligently preparing the way there.



Pastor Timothy Kim, Halls Creek



A Father pleading for help



The Women's Committee at One Arm Point



Natasha Short, Letchfords (Kununurra) with Scotfords



Rowena Mouda from One Arm Rowena Mouda from One Arm



Pastor Paul White (Derby) with Kingdom Aviation Ministries airplane

- Natasha and Jamie Short in Kununurra who are waiting patiently for this project.
- Danita Button who is the liasan person at Nookanbah.
- Scotfords preparation and timing for working in the Kimberley.
- For the right people on each community to be available to initiate, support and encourage their community to come on board
- For specific local godly families to be involved in the films.
- Communities involved at present are: Ardyaloon, Nookanbah, Halls Creek, Kununurra – we would like to extend to Looma, Fitzroy and possibly other communities that K.A.M. are involved with.
- Favour with local authorities
- Kingdom Aviation Ministries ) We appreciate the partnership we have with both of these
- ALTA-1 - Education ) ministries
- Vision, passion and vitality for all involved
- Peter Abetz, MLA - Thank God for His support.

This has been a hard letter to write – partly because we are not actually in the Kimberley yet (our last visit was early 2011), then also the question we ask ourselves is “Who do we think we are to be able to connect with the indigenous people in this way when others far more experienced than any of our team have tried before us?” Also we have all the experts giving us their opinions and giving us their works on the subject for us to read.

The only sure thing we have to go by is the Word of God and the wisdom the Holy Spirit gives, and the foundations God himself has laid for raising children – then of course that will be our interpretation! Yes, it is confusing, but we believe God has given us a mandate so we look to Him and go forward by faith encouraging you to support us in prayer (Hebrews ch 12 v 1-2). We would love to hear from you when you have time too.

Sincerely, and with confidence in Jesus alone,

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